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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

At the 3609th meeting of the Security Council, held on 19 December 1995 in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "An agenda for peace: preventive diplomacy, peacemaking and peace-keeping", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council has noted with interest and appreciation the report of the Secretary-General of 10 November 1995 on stand-by arrangements for peace-keeping operations (S/1995/943). It recalls earlier statements by the President of the Security Council on this subject and strongly supports the efforts of the Secretary-General to enhance the capacity of the United Nations for the planning, rapid deployment and reinforcement and logistical support of peace-keeping operations.

"The Security Council encourages Member States not yet doing so to participate in the stand-by arrangements. It invites them, and those States already participating in the arrangements, to provide information in as detailed a manner as possible on those elements which they are ready to make available to the United Nations. It also invites them to identify components, such as logistic support elements and sea/airlift resources, presently underrepresented in the arrangement. In this context the Security Council welcomes the initiative undertaken by the Secretariat for the creation of a stand-by Headquarters component within the Mission Planning Service of the Department of Peace-keeping Operations. The Security Council also joins with the Secretary-General in suggesting the establishment of partnerships between those troop-contributing countries that need equipment for units that may be provided to the United Nations and those Governments ready to provide such equipment and other support.

"The Security Council looks forward to further reports from the Secretary-General on the progress of the stand-by arrangements initiative and undertakes to keep the matter under review."

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